(c) whether Government have set up a fast channel for clearing foreign investment proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The selection of technologies is primarily left to the Indian entrepreneurs/parties, who after exploring the alternative sources of technology and techno-economic analysis select the one that suits them best. Thereafter, they apply for Government's approval and such applications with tie-ups with West German and Japanese firms are examined on merits in consultation with the authorities concerned. Some proposals with tie-ups with West German and Japanese firms are at various stages of consideration.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to give speedy clearance to the proposals.

Manufacturing of scooters and motorcycles of different brands

3611. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of scooters and motorcycles of different brands manufactured in the country during the years 1965-66, 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) what are the comparative prices of different brands of scooters and motorcycles during the last three years; and

(c) what is the number of scooters and motorcycles of different brands exported during the last year and to which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Soviet assistance for Neyveli lignite Power Station

3612. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report based on Soviet technical and financial assistance for the Neyveli Lignite Power Station has been prepared;

(b) if so, whether this will be the third power station in the NLC complex;

(c) whether the report was finalised only after Soviet Government't offer to help India to set up 500 MW lignite super agricultural boilers; and

(d) if so, whether the Soviet Union has agreed to extend credit to cover the entire cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL (IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (d) An agreement has been reached in principle on possible cooperation between India and USSR on the setting up of a Fuel Energy Complex at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu. This complex will consist of a lignite mine of 11 million tonnes annual production capacity and a linked power station with an installed generation capacity of 3x500 MW.

Technical discussions are being held with Soviet Experts on these two projects. Credit assistance from Soviet Union as may be agreed upon, is expected to be available.

Establishment of power project by private sector

3613. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the response of the private sector for establishment of power projects;

(b) what is the current shortfall in power supply projected demand and supply shortfall during the next plan period;